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# Certificate Course in Urban Planning

The Maryland Department of Planning (MDP), in conjunction with the University of Maryland, offers a 2-day planning course for volunteer planning commissioners, zoning board members, real estate practitioners, elected and appointed officials and others responsible for making decisions about future growth and development in localities across Maryland. Upon completion of the course, participants will receive a Certificate from the University of Maryland and MDP. Maryland Real Estate Licensees may receive up to seven hours of continuing education credits for professional enhancement only.

There is one upcoming course:

- April 10 and 17, Hood College, Frederick

When additional courses are scheduled, they will be added to this page.

The course covers such planning topics as planning and zoning law and regulations; Smart Growth; innovative planning tools; housing issues; and Smart Codes. Sessions are taught by professionals with expertise in the field. The course features interactive exercises.

The cost of the course is \$135, which includes all course materials and refreshments. The fee for planning commissioners is \$25, which is refundable if the course is completed. Lunch is an additional \$10 per day. For further information or to register, contact Jim Cohen, Urban Studies and Planning Program, University of Maryland, 301-405-6795 or [jcohen@ursp.umd.edu](mailto:jcohen@ursp.umd.edu).

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## Course Outline

### Day 1

Introduction to Planning	1 hour
Concepts of Smart Growth	1 hour
Legal Authority - Zoning Law	1.5 hours
Planning Tools	2 hours
Housing Issues	.5 hour
Map Reading	1.5 hours

### Day 2

Smart Codes	1.5 hours
Constraints on Development	2 hours
Capital Programming	
Forest Conservation Act	
Water and Sewer Planning	
Environmental Constraints	
Roles and Responsibilities of Planning Commissions	1.5 hours
Interactive Exercise	2.5 hours

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Total	15 hours
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## Registration Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The 2-day course is held from 8:30 to 5:00 each day. The course will be held three times in 2004, and the first course is scheduled for February 21 and 28 at Prince George's Community College. When additional courses are scheduled, they will be added to this page.

\_\_\_\_\_ April 10 and 17, Hood College, Frederick

The basic fee for the course is \$135, including course materials and refreshments. The fee for planning commissioners is \$25, which is refundable if the course is completed. (Planning Commissioners, please submit separate checks for the fee and for the lunch.)

Amount Enclosed

\_\_\_\_\_ Basic Fee (\$135, does not include lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Commissioners Basic Fee (\$25, does not include lunch)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Day 1 (\$10)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lunch Day 2 (\$10)

\_\_\_\_\_ Total

\* Participants can bring their own lunch, but it will not be permissible to leave for lunch.

Mail completed form with a check payable to the University of Maryland to:

Jim Cohen  
Urban Studies and Planning Program  
1217 Architecture Building  
University of Maryland  
College Park, MD 20742  
(301) 405-6795

Registrants will receive a confirmation and map in the mail for applications received one week before the scheduled training and via fax for applications received after that.